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Since its creation in 1890, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names has developed and implemented various principles, policies, and procedures for evaluating controversial geographical names problems and approval for the application of names to unnamed features. One of the most common name proposals made is to honor deserving individuals, however, the permanence and ubiquitous use of a standard name requires careful scrutiny of these proposals. The Board continually analyzes and re-evaluates policies with regard to relevance, and recently the Board has approved an enhanced Commemorative Naming Policy for use with domestic names defining procedures and regulations for this special kind of geographical name. Attached is the Board's policy regarding commemorative geographical names in the United States.